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Docket No.: 062807-0023

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Toshimichi KISHIMOTO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9299
Application No.: 10/021,550	:	Group Art Unit: 2134
Filed: December 18, 2001	:	Allowed: August 16, 2006
	:	Examiner: P. Poltorak
For: DISK MANAGEMENT INTERFACE	:	

**WRITTEN REPLY TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

An Interview Summary accompanied the August 16, 2006 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application, and that Summary set a one-month period for a written reply containing a statement of the substance of a telephone interview. First, the Interview Summary lists a date of March 8, 2006 for a telephonic interview. That date is inaccurate. The interview reported in the Summary that accompanied the August 16, 2006 Notice of Allowability occurred on August 1 and August 3, 2006. The required statement follows.

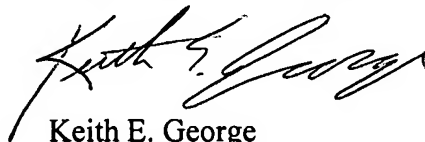
Applicants and their representative wish to thank Examiner Poltorak for the courtesy and assistance extended in the telephone discussions. On August 1, 2006 the Examiner telephoned Applicants' representative and proposed to add the recitation of claim 3 into claim 1 and further amend the claim to require that the address is randomly generated. At that time, the Examiner indicated claim 1 would be allowable if so amended and suggested a similar amendment to claim

17 would likewise make that claim allowable. However, the Examiner expressed a reluctance to allow claims 1 and 17 over the art without the proposed amendments. On August 3, 2006, the undersigned telephoned Examiner Poltorak to amend claims 1, 4 and 17 and to cancel claim 3, by Examiner's amendment. The language of the claim amendments as it now appears in the Examiner's amendment, was agreed upon at that time. It is believed that this reply, together with the Interview Summary, provides a complete written record of the substance of the interview.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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